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Location: 225 South Eighth Street, Philadelphia, Philadelphia County,  
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The 1830 fire insurance survey for this house, issued by Philadelphia Contributionship, is reproduced below. This description may or may not include some elements original to the house, which was built in 1786-1787.

"I have surveyed the house &c belonging to LUKE W MORRIS, Situate on the East side of 8th between Walnut and Locust, No. 93, being 44 front (including a small alley) & 19' deep. Sitting room & kitchen 16 x 31 1/2, 3 stories high, washhouse 16 x 11, 2 stories high. Octagon back of the south parlour extending about 4 feet, 1 story high 14 & 9" walls. Lower story - front in 2 rooms & passage, the floor of clean, wide yellow pine, base & surbase round, double arched to doors & windows, pannel'd Chimney breasts & mantles with brackets & dentil, deep closets. Glass 8 x 10, one window back with side lights, glass 11 x 17, outside shutters to both. The 2nd story - in 2 rooms & passage, floor same as below, base & surbase round, dble arch't to doors & single mouldings to windows, a frame round the chimney breast, plain mantles, marble hearths & jambs, deep closets. Glass 8 x 10, outside shutters, front & pannel'd inside do front & back. The 3d story - in 2 rooms & passage, floor of common yellow pine, plain base & subbase, dble arch't to doors & single mouldings to windows, breast, closet, pannel'd above, plain inside shutters front. Glass 8 x 10. Garret in one room not plastered, three plain 12 light dormer windows & 2 trap doors in the roof. Stairs between the rooms open newel, bracketted, turn'd banisters & large painted rail leading into the 3d story & close winding stairs to the Garret. Modillion Eave, front plain, do back,

copper gutters & pipes. Sitti g room & kitchen, floors of common yellow pine, plain base, round & surbase in the first, Dble arch't to doors & single mouldings to windows, pannel'd breast & plain mantle, mantle shelf & dresser & large closet in each -- 2 rooms in the 2nd story, floor of common yellow pine, base & subbase dble Arch't & single mouldings, plain mantles & deep closets. Glass 8 x 10 outside shutters to both. The 3d story - in 2 rooms & passage, floor of clean white pine plain base round & single mouldings, plain winding stairs from the kitchen to the 3d story & into the Garret. Washhouse floor of brick, store room & bath room above with tub, pipes &c. Brick cane (?) Shed roof, tin gutter & pipes. A small portico with 2 plain columns over the back door below. An ash hole in the cellar."

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